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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

10 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

12 GOOGLE LLC,

13 Plaintiff,

14 vs.

15 SONOS, INC.,

16 Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:20-cv-06754-WHA

**DECLARATION OF DANIEL S.
FRIEDLAND IN SUPPORT OF GOOGLE
LLC'S OPPOSITION TO SONOS, INC.'S
MOTION TO DISMISS OR TRANSFER
TO THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
TEXAS**

1 I, Daniel Friedland, declare and state as follows:

2 1. I am a People Analytics Manager at Google LLC (“Google”). I have been a
3 Google employee since 2016. I live and work in the San Francisco Bay Area. If called as a
4 witness, I could and would testify competently to the information contained herein.
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6 2. Google has been headquartered in Northern California since its founding in 1998.
7 It is currently headquartered in Mountain View, California, which is located in the Northern
8 District of California.

9 3. Google’s Mountain View headquarters, which includes offices in neighboring
10 Sunnyvale (collectively referred to as “Mountain View”), is the strategic center of Google’s
11 business. As of September 2020, the Mountain View headquarters housed approximately [REDACTED]
12 employees, the largest location for Google’s U.S. employees. As of September 2020, Google also
13 had approximately [REDACTED] other employees in San Francisco, California and other smaller offices
14 also within the Northern District of California. As of September 2020, approximately [REDACTED] of
15 Google’s approximately [REDACTED] total U.S. employees, including engineers, product managers,
16 marketers, executives, and staff, are based in the Northern District of California.
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18 4. As of September 2020, Google had approximately [REDACTED] employees in Austin,
19 Texas, comprising approximately [REDACTED] of Google’s approximately [REDACTED] total U.S. employees.
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21 5. I understand that the accused functionalities in this litigation include (1) casting
22 playback of Google Play Music, YouTube Music, or YouTube from a device to a Cast receiver,
23 (2) creating and managing speaker groupings for media playback, and (3) certain aspects of
24 Google’s Room EQ feature (collectively, the “Accused Functionalities”). I have made efforts to
25 identify the persons with relevant knowledge regarding these functionalities as they relate to the
26 accused products in this case, which I understand include Chromecast, Chromecast Ultra,
27 Chromecast Audio, Chromecast with Google TV, Home Mini, Nest Mini, Home, Home Max,
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1 Home Hub, Nest Hub, Nest Hub Max, Nest Audio, and Nest Wifi Point in conjunction with the
2 Google Play Music app, YouTube app, YouTube Music app and Google's Pixel phones, tablets,
3 and laptops.

4 6. With respect to casting playback of queues from a device to a Cast receiver for
5 Google Play Music, I understand that [REDACTED], two technical leads for this
6 project at different points in time, are both based in the San Francisco Bay Area. Neither [REDACTED]
7 nor [REDACTED] recall anyone from Google's Texas office working on the design and
8 development of this functionality.
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10 7. With respect to casting playback of queues from a device to a Cast receiver for
11 YouTube Music and YouTube, I understand that [REDACTED] a technical lead for this project, is
12 based in the San Francisco Bay Area. [REDACTED] does not recall anyone from Google's Texas office
13 working on the design and development of this functionality.
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15 8. I understand that [REDACTED], the technical lead on the Cast SDK, which is
16 used by Google Play Music, YouTube Music and YouTube, is based in the San Francisco Bay
17 Area.

18 9. With respect to creating and managing speaker groupings for media playback, I
19 understand that [REDACTED], the primary engineers on this
20 project, are all based in the San Francisco Bay Area. They do not recall anyone from Google's
21 Texas office working on the design and development of this functionality.
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23 10. With respect to the Room EQ feature, I understand that [REDACTED], the
24 technical lead for this feature, is based in the San Francisco Bay Area. [REDACTED] does not recall
25 anyone from Google's Texas office working on the design and development of this functionality.
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1 11. I understand that [REDACTED], the product manager for the Room EQ and grouping
2 functionality, is based in the San Francisco Bay Area. [REDACTED] does not recall anyone from
3 Google's Texas office working on the design and development of this functionality.

4 12. I understand that [REDACTED], a Finance Director whose area of responsibility
5 includes the Chromecast, Home, and Nest products, is based in the San Francisco Bay Area.
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8 I declare under penalty of perjury that to the best of my knowledge the foregoing is true
9 and correct. Executed on October 26, 2020, in Oakland, CA.

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11 DATED: October 26, 2020

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14 By: _____

15 Daniel S. Friedland
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ATTESTATION

I, Charles K. Verhoeven, am the ECF user whose ID and password are being used to file the above Declaration. In compliance with Civil L.R. 5-1(i)(3), I hereby attest that Daniel S. Friedland has concurred in the aforementioned filing.

/s/ Charles K. Verhoeven

Charles K. Verhoeven